

## The Intelligencer.

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### HANNA'S CONVENTION.

The Ohio State Convention at Columbus, was strictly a Hanna convention. It is hardly the thing to say that those who opposed Hanna, went down in the convention. It would be closer to the truth to say that those who were opposed to Hanna were never able to get their head above water in the convention. Hanna is the greatest stage manager on earth. He arranges his programme in advance and his "supers" are the most skillful in rushing out the proper performers at the proper time and seeing that no delays happen in the raising and lowering of the curtain upon the stage. There is no discussion in Hanna's convention plans. Hanna's automobile car of Juggernaut moves on and the man who dares stand up in front of it gets everlastingly smashed. Hanna delegates composed the convention; Hanna patted Foraker on the back and put him out for his little speech in which he had been thoroughly coached by the great boss; Hanna told the committee on permanent organization that Hanna himself is an artist in handling the gavel, and as Senator Foraker expressed it Hanna was the man "who knew his business and how to attend to it," and Hanna was forthwith made permanent chairman; Hanna then promptly "attended to it" in about three hours; and Hannaism prevailed from first to last.

While the Ohio convention is not the national convention, Hanna the boss says it is of national character and national issues and he clearly outlined those issues. In speaking of the tariff he says this is no time for experiments in that line; this is no time for financial industrial or other disturbances. The few conservative republicans who have dared to suggest a revision of the tariff are thus notified to keep still or be politically buried. His decree concerning the financial and industrial disturbances is notice to the money changers and the trusts that they will be given free lance in all matters pertaining to their welfare. Hanna says that he favors personal liberty so long as it does not interfere with the public, the public of course being the trusts.

The Hannaized platform endorses McKinley's administration from Alpha to Omega. Porto Rican flop, supreme court decision and all; it upholds protection and the gold standard; it urges the speedy construction of the Isthmian canal, the definite article, the referring no doubt to the rotten Panama ditch in which Hanna, Morgan & Co. are the principal owners on the stock; it advocates the strengthening of the navy, by this means giving protection to the Hanna, Morgan subsidized steamship lines; and it opposes combinations which create monopolies to control prices or limit production. In the injection of this last clause in the platform Hanna proves himself to be the colossal joker of the twentieth century and he is entitled to a medal as the prince of satirical humorists. Ye gods, what a joke that is, the republican party opposed to combinations which create monopolies to control prices or limit production.

The island of Cuba is congratulated upon its wise and conservative action in favor of staple government, which said wise and conservative action consists in having swallowed, under duress, the Platt amendment. Porto Rico is spoken of as "flourishing beyond all her former experiences" but if we are to judge of her condition by late commercial reports from the island, God pity the poor inhabitants who had to go through those "former experiences."

Mention is made of the excellent military and civil rule in the Philippine Islands but through some oversight no mention is made of the postal frauds and the stealings in the commissary department under the semi-military carpet bag rule at Manila.

The Hannaized platform of Ohio will be the Hanna-McKinley-trust platform of the republican party in 1904 and the democrats will gladly enter the contest on the lines laid down by the great state and national political boss, Marcus Aurelius Hanna.

For the grand chorus at the next republican national convention we would suggest the following—  
Hanna here and Hanna there,  
Hanna, Hanna everywhere,  
If you'd not get left,  
Take Hanna's band,  
Get into the wagon  
Along with the band,  
Sing Hanna, Hanna, Han—tra la.  
Mark Hanna is the man.

T. E. Malone, from near Brashear, Mo., was awarded a diploma of bronze for the best exhibit of Ben Davis and willowtwig apple which he had on exhibition at the Paris exposition. Once more is Missouri brought to the front as the land of the big red apple.

### GERMANY AND THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

According to the information received from the Pan-American diplomats in Berlin, Germany's attitude on the Monroe doctrine seems favorable towards this country's position. It is stated by the colleagues, in Washington, of these Pan-American delegates that Baron Von Buelow, German minister of foreign affairs, said that Germany recognized the existence and understood the extent of the application of the Monroe doctrine and that she has no intention of hindering the construction of the canal by the United States.

By this position Germany takes cognizance of the fact that the United States has become a world power of such importance that she is capable of maintaining her position even at the point of the bayonet if necessary. Doubtless the recent foreign complications in which the United States government has been involved and the way in which she has maintained her principal contentions in the diplomatic contests with the representatives of the older countries has shown to Germany the power of America in the world's national family. If these Pan-American diplomats have rightly understood Germany's position it can not be otherwise than gratifying to the department of state at Washington.

England and her Clayton-Bulwer treaty will be easily disposed of when the proper time comes, as England alone would not dare to go farther than a strong diplomatic protest.

### THE ELKHORN FLOOD.

The entire country is gratified at the late returns from the Elkhorn flood. It appears that not over seventy were killed, though the property damage is very great. Such a calamity calls to mind the Johnstown flood and the Galveston storm, and the whole country is aroused to a state of sympathy for the afflicted people of the Elkhorn valley. As usual in this country the heart of the nation is touched and assistance is being sent in from many sections of the country. With bountiful harvests of small grain ready to be gathered in and a fine prospect for corn the country is in such a condition today that the wants of the little valley of the Elkhorn need not go unsupplied and the American people may be depended upon to take care of the unfortunate flood sufferers.

### BIGGER THAN SECRETARY HAY.

It is of little consequence so far as practical results are concerned that Secretary Gage, in imposing a countervailing duty on Russian sugar, acted in direct opposition to the foreign policy of Secretary of State Hay. The fact that Secretary of State Hay has not had the nerve to call down Secretary Gage for his unwarranted disturbance of the diplomatic relations between this country and Russia is evidence of the powerful influence of the sugar trust in state affairs. The president of this grasping trust is a bigger factor in state affairs than the secretary of state who is supposed to direct matters.

When the St. Louis fair was first talked about some expressed the fear that a site large enough could not be secured. The selection of the Forest park site with one-third more available space than the Chicago world's fair occupied settles that point. St. Louis is in Missouri and she will show the world the biggest and the best show that ever was shown.

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The Kansas City Times announces the purchase of a new three-deck Web perfecting press with a capacity of 24,000 copies per hour. This addition to its press capacity will enable the Times to print, cut, paste and fold 46,000 12-page papers or 23,000 24-page papers per hour. Prosperity seems to be prevailing with the Times.

Odell, Fairbanks, Hanna, Foraker, Teddy, Root and Taft are the leading lights now on the republican stage in training for the great presidential cake walk. As the judges of the performers abilities will be composed of the representatives of the trusts, we would feel safe in risking a two to one shot that Hanna wins the cake.

In boring for oil at Wellsville, Mo., the drill revealed the existence, at 85 feet below the surface, of a fine vein of lead 3 feet thick. Lexington should go into the drilling business. We know not what wealth may be hidden in the earth below the valuable coal now being worked.

W. J. Bryan has too much good western horse sense to be inveigled into acting as sponsor for Lee Meriwether's third party infant. Though twice defeated at the polls Bryan is true to his party, and is too big and broad a man to get down to penny slide show business.

Secretary of War Root is said to be preparing instructions to his chiefs to arrange to cut down the expenses of the army. The honorable secretary can not get too fast a move on him to please the people who are tired of standing on a war footing in time of peace.

From all over the country in Missouri and Kansas come reports of the excellent quality and large yield of wheat, and if the farmers are not disappointed in their expectations the crop this year may be a record breaker.

Lee Meriwether's third party infant in Missouri appears somewhat depressed by the excessive heat of the present hot spell and may not be able to survive through its first summer.

Where are the police officers of Kansas City? The shopping of Miss Wallace and the stabbing of young Scruggs do not speak well for Kansas City's police department.

The appointment of L. R. Wiley, of St. Louis, as attorney general of the Philippine islands is another Missouri triumph. Missouri boys can not be kept down.

The maiden ladies of the United States may be somewhat interested in the fact that the recent census shows 1,000,000 more men than women in America.

### World's Fair Site Selected.

At its regular monthly meeting today, the board of directors of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company unanimously adopted the report of the executive committee, which had selected the Forest park site as its choice for the location of the World's fair, to be held in this city in 1903. A resolution was then passed empowering the executive committee to report the result of the board's action to the national commission for ratification.

President Carter and other members of the national commission have stated all along that they would defer largely to the judgment of the local World's fair management in the matter of a site, and it is not thought that there will be any delay in the ratification of the action of the local directors in reporting the finding of the executive committee as to the site.

The site selected consists of 668 acres in the western, or unimproved, portion of Forest park, which contains between 1,300 and 1,400 acres, and is the second largest city park in the country. In addition 450 acres adjoining on the south and west are available. This makes a total of 1,718 acres, or one-third more space than was used by the Columbian exposition in Chicago.

### County News.

Messrs. C. S. O'Bryan and Allen Hamlin, of Kansas City, have leased an interest in the Higginsville Advance and entered upon their duties last Monday. They are welcome to the ranks of Lafayette county journalism.

The Higginsville band have received their new suits, and the Lafayette Leader says they are beauties, and that the boys are improving in their playing.

Higginsville is pushing the preparations for her Fourth of July celebration and the town is expecting a large crowd and a good time.

Miss Georgia Glover, of Odessa, was one of three out of 80 pupils at Cotter College, Nevada, Mo., to get on the honor roll which requires an average grade of 95 for the entire year.

Rev. E. S. Paddock, pastor of the Baptist church at Higginsville, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Cape Girardeau.

BULL FOR SALE.  
Young bull for sale; good size; good color; good individual; thoroughbred.  
6-22tf  
T. B. CAMPBELL.

## DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

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